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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace Paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] For years it has been known that Chlamydia can induce cardiovascular disease in experimental animals. This Chlamydia-mediated heart disease in mice can be induced by antigenic mimicry of a heart muscle-specific protein, thus providing a molecular link between Chlamydia infections and heart disease. Since many infectious agents have been implicated in heart disease, it is not surprising that organisms other than Chlamydia can also supply mimicking epitopes. Indeed, Machmaier, K. et al., in a study published in Nature Medicine in August 2000, screened public databases for proteins sharing the pathogenic mouse M7Aa peptide MA'ST